

BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

SURVEY NO.: B-2079

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0420795408

Address: 17 West Franklin Street

Current Name: Our Daily Bread

Block: 565 Lot: 5

Lot size: 23 ft. x 100 ft.

Height: 4

Materials: Brick, stone, wood

Condition: Good

Owner: Assoc. Catholic Charities,

Use: Institutional

Accessible: Yes, restricted Inc.

Designation:

Liber/Folio: WA 3819/861



Historic Name: Henry Winter Davis House

Date: ca. 1830

Architect/Builder:

Style (if appropriate):

Description: The building was originally a three story rowhouse, to which a fourth story was added in the late 19th or early 20th century and a stone-faced storefront in the early 20th century. The storefront has large plate glass windows and a recessed entrance containing separate doors for the first and upper floors. The stone frame has a bell arched transom area above the display window and simple geometric details at the corners of the dentil molding at the top edge of the stone facing. The upper floors have three bays with stone sills and lintels, 1/1 sash, and aluminum storm windows. The fourth story has small square windows, also 1/1, which are just below the cornice. Dentils and leaf modillions elaborate the cornice. A star shaped tie rod is located off-center between the second and third floors. The flemish bond brick is painted red.

Significance:

Area: architecture

Level: local

The fine cornice and stripped Classical Revival storefront express the changing use of the building over time. It remained in private residential use until about 1902. In the 20th century, the uses have ranged from rooming house to religious bookstore to organ salesroom. It is currently a Catholic soup kitchen.

Sources: Land records; city directories
Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, May 1985

Baltimore Metrocenter Survey
Cathedral Hill Area
Henry Winter Davis House
17 West Franklin Street
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Henry Winter Davis House B-2079
17 West Franklin Street
Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
Date: August 1984
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
North elevation

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Allen Organ Studio					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 17 West Franklin Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Baltimore		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: B.J. and G.W. Frederick & wives					
STREET AND NUMBER: 115 W. Saratoga Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Land Records Office Baltimore City Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER: St. Paul and Fayette Streets					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland		21201
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): SCL 5596 -81					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey					
DATE OF SURVEY: November 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation					
STREET AND NUMBER: Room 900 26 S. Calvert Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland		21202

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The building is presently occupied by the Allen Organ Studio and upper floor apartments. The condition of the building is fair and semi-detached; originally it was part of a group of eleven rowhouses. The main construction of the building is 3½ stories, with three bays; the material of the water table is marble, and the material of the walls—first floor is granite, and the upper levels are of Flemish bond brick. There are brick chimneys in the back and the roof is hip-shaped, approximately 3-1 pitch. The two doors are at an angle to each other on the right side of the storefront. The door on the right leads upstairs; the door on the left is the entrance to the Allen Organ Studio. The door opening is rectangular in shape with a transom. It is a storefront entrance without stairs, a stoop or a porch. The three windows on the first story are rectangular in shape giving a picture window effect. There are no lintels, sills or shutters on the first floor. On the second and third stories the windows are rectangular, the panes are one over one (sash windows) the lintels are flat, consisting of marble and the sills are stone. The top floor windows are square in shape, also a one over one. The building is slightly taller than the building attached to it, as this building has top enclosed and the other building has dormers. The width is about the same as the attached building but concerning the general area it is narrower than most of the surrounding buildings.</p>	
<p>Range of Current Deed (Book & Page #):</p>	
<p>Local County State Federal</p>	
<p>Survey Record</p>	
<p>State</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally this 19th century building is representative of the period when Flemish bond brick was being used. In the area surveyed, this is one of a few existing rowhouses that is being used for residential and commercial purposes. The brick is brownstone that has been painted - a variety of brick used during the period of the Classical Revival - 1765-1860. The house was erected in 1830 under the ownership of John Merryman. He was known to members of the Baltimore community as a conscientious farmer. He stated various commissions concerning farming and agriculture. He was President of the Board of County Commissioners of Baltimore County. He later served as President of Maryland State Agricultural and Mechanical Association. In 1870 he was Treasurer of the State of Maryland. In 1832, the lot then owned by a Rev. Edmund D. Barry, was assessed at \$220.00.

The existence of this house on Franklin Street is reason for one to leave and preserve its presence so others can relate to everyday purposes that existed in the 1800's.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Primary sources: Land Record Office
 Tax Assessment of 1822, Terminal Warehouse
 Maryland Historical Society
 Johns Hopkins Library- City Directories

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

22 x 100

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Robin Harris		DATE 11-75
ORGANIZATION Goucher College		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: Towson	STATE Maryland	

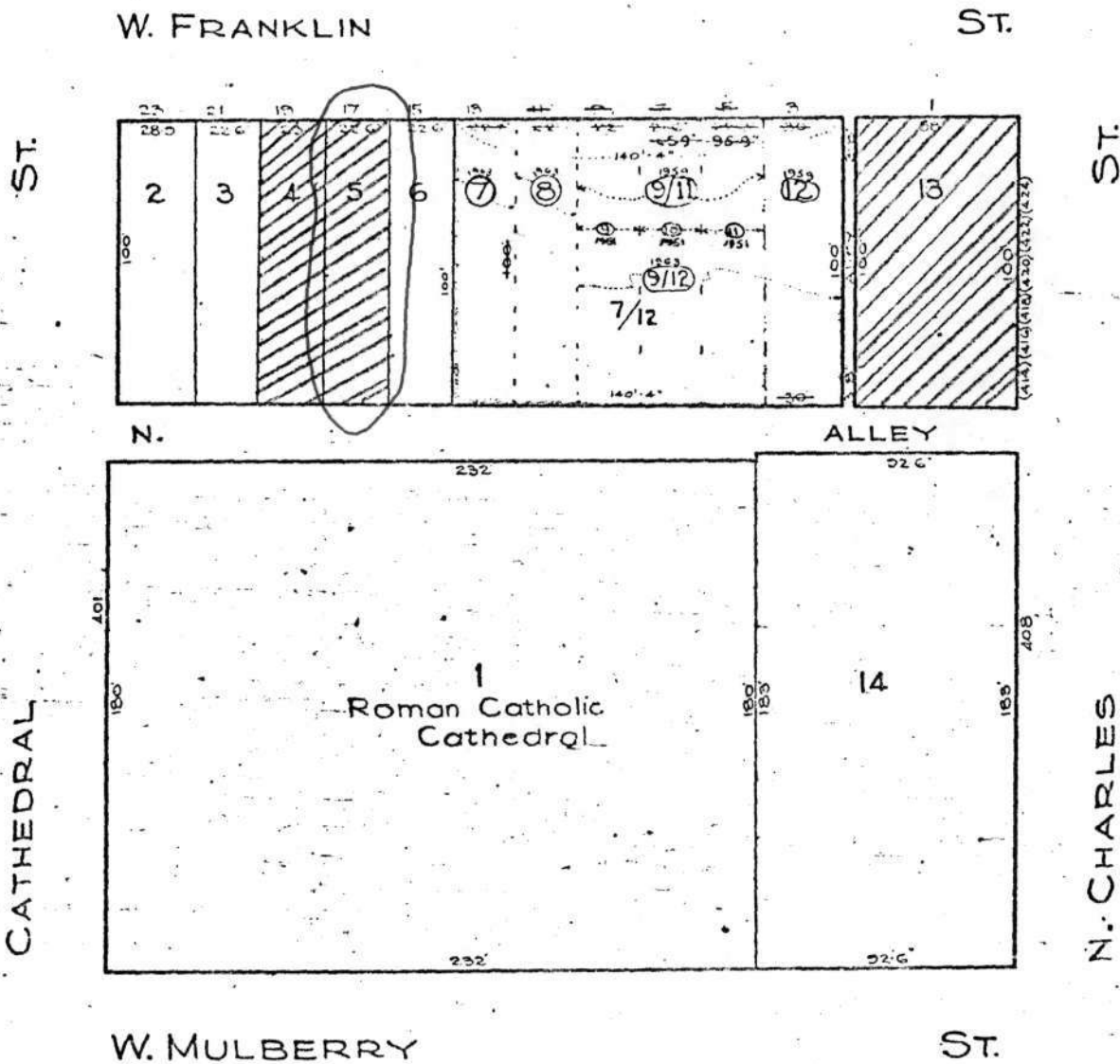
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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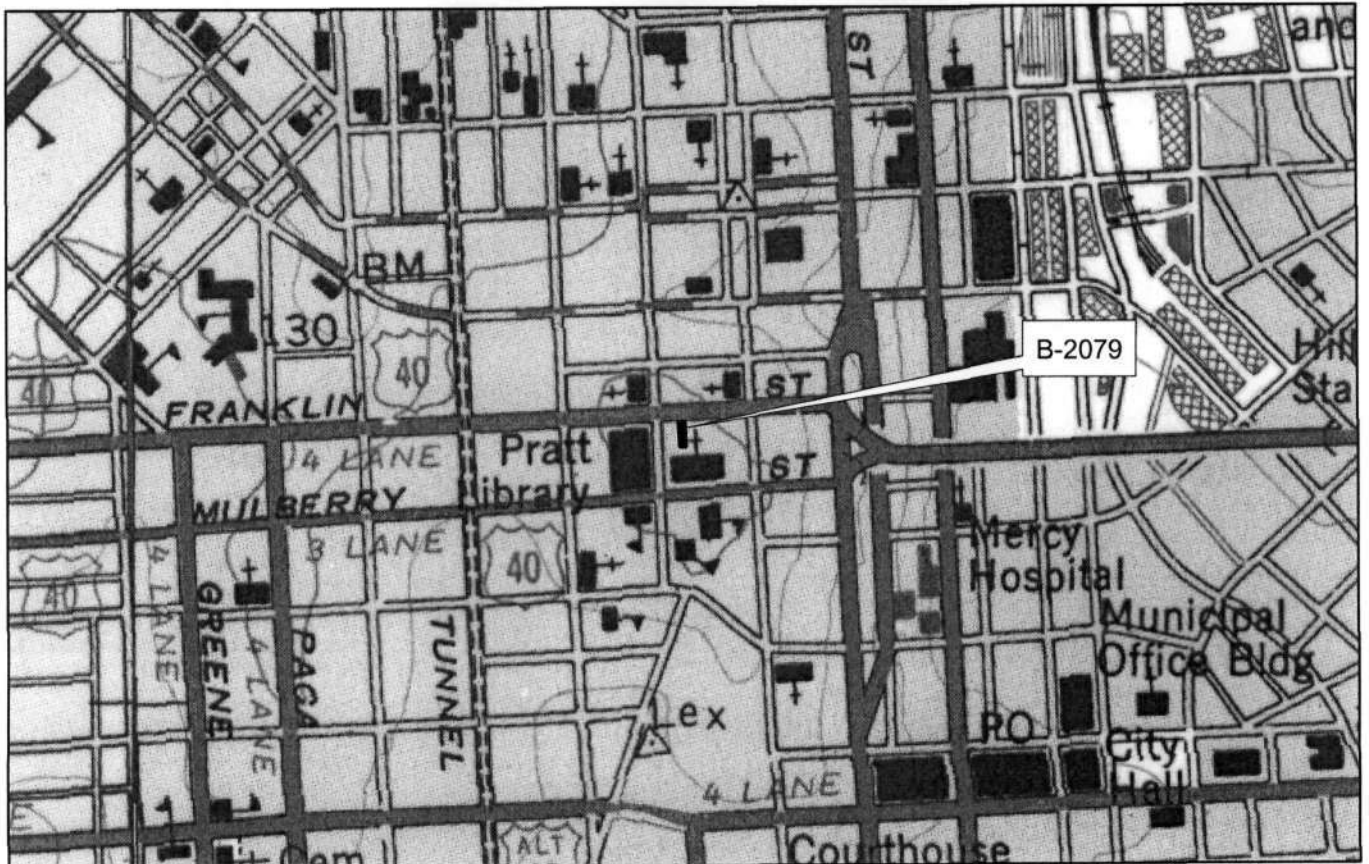
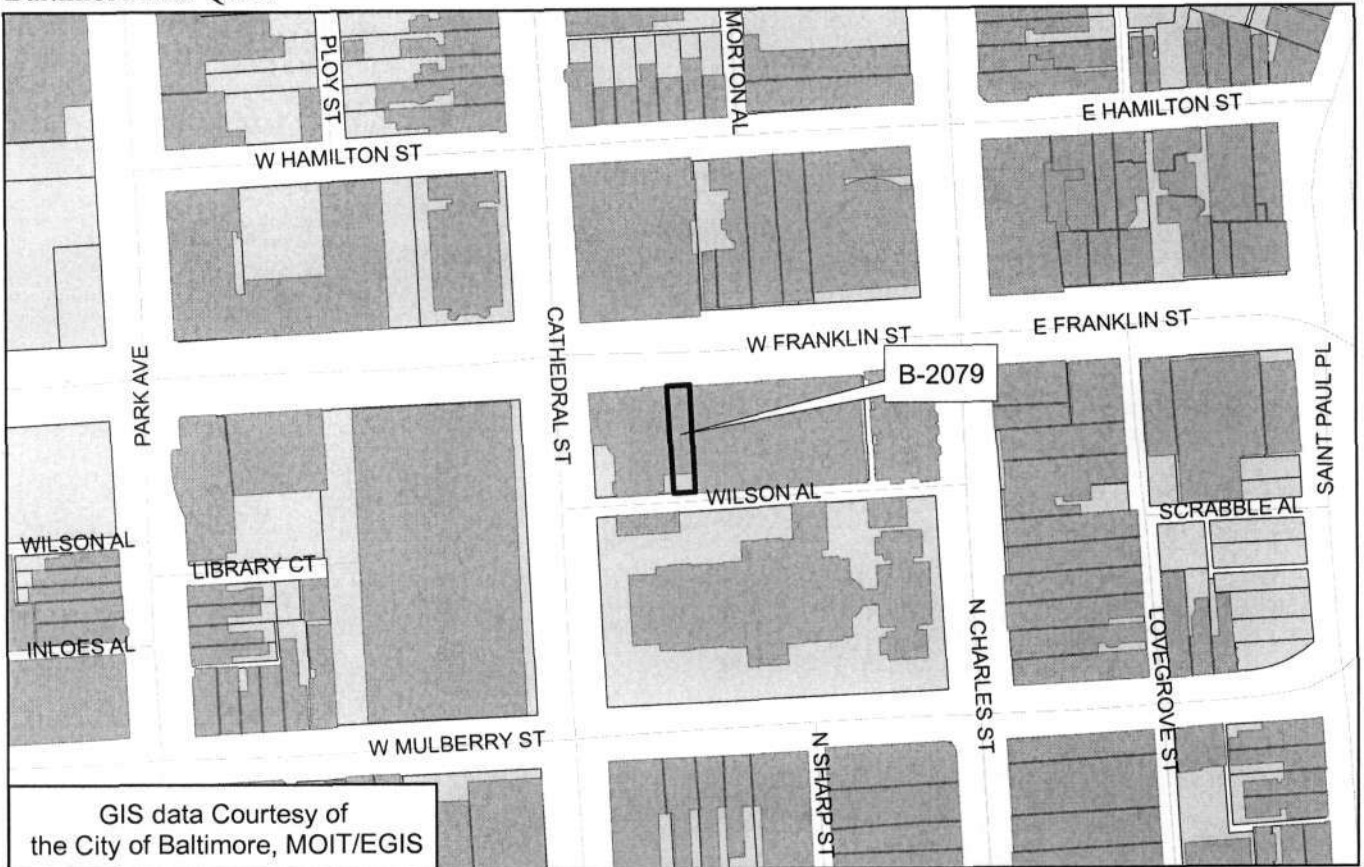
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Block 0565 Lot 002
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad





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